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PRICES OF LIQUEFIED FERTILIZERS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has allowed use of liquefied fertilisers in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the wholesale and retail prices of each type of major/important liquefied fertilizers in the country during the last three years; and

(c) the mechanism adopted by the Government to monitor the retail and wholesale prices of such liquefied fertilizers?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) The Fertilizer Control Order (FCO), 1985 issued by the Government of India includes three liquid fertilizers viz. Urea Ammonia Nitrate, Super Phosphoric Acid and Ammonium Poly Phosphate. Besides, the FCO also includes 11 grades of Liquid/100% Water Soluble Fertilizers. The Department of Fertilizers administers Concession Scheme on DAP, MOP, MAP, SSP and Complex fertilizers. However, the Liquid Fertilizers/100% Water Soluble Fertilizers as mentioned above are not under the Concession Scheme. Since they are in FCO, their sale and usage as fertilizers is permitted by the Government in the country.

(b) & (c) Since the Liquid/100% Water Soluble Fertilizers are not under the Concession Scheme; Government does not indicate their retail/wholesale prices. The prices are determined by the seller as per the requirement of the farmers. Since these fertilizers are specialty fertilizers and used for floriculture and horticulture and cash crops, the farmer makes a choice based on the expected returns.